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DETECTING CRACKS IN WELDS

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.